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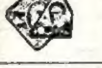

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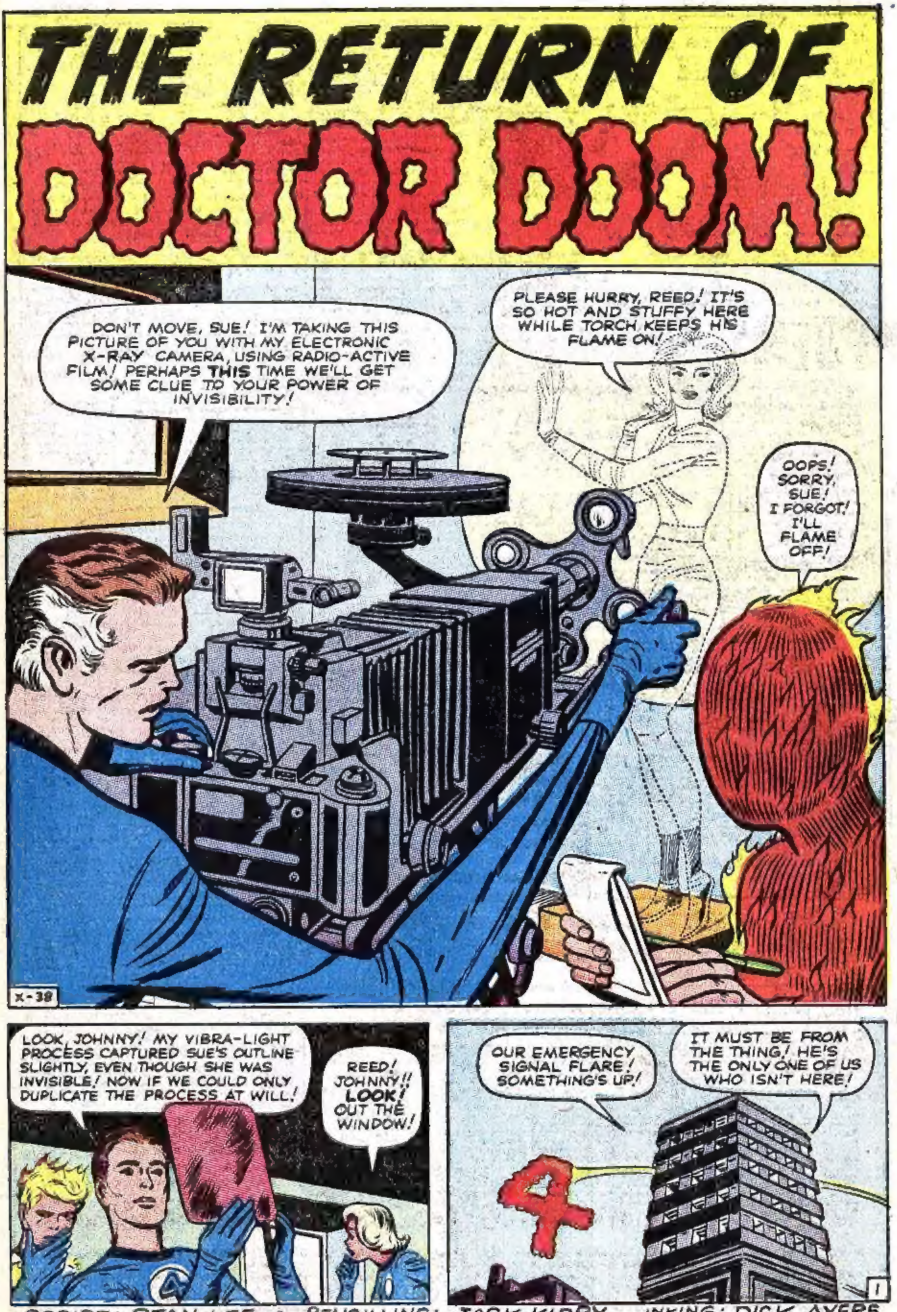

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YIPPEE! THIS MEANS A NEW ADVENTURE FOR US! I DIG THAT THE MOST!
WHAT'S WRONG, REED? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
IT'S THIS BLAMED DOOR! I CAN'T OPEN IT! THE NUCLEAR LOCK MECHANISM IS JAMMED!
JUST STEP ASIDE, PAL! I'LL BURN IT OPEN IN NO TIME! HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOIN'??
TRYING TO STOP YOU FROM BLOWING US UP, KID! DID YOU FORGET HOW SENSITIVE THAT NUCLEAR DEVICE IS TO HEAT??
WE'LL HAVE TO TRY IT MY WAY!
I'LL FEEL MY WAY UPSTAIRS TO WHERE THE FANTASTI-CAR IS GARAGED, AND TRY TO FLY IT DOWN TO OUR WINDOW FROM THERE!
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THIS IS TOUGHER THAN I THOUGHT! LET'S SEE-- I THINK IT'S IN THIS DIRECTION NOW!
35TH FLOOR HANGARS--VEHICLES
OH NO! I'M IN THE WRONG HANGAR! THIS IS THE POGO-PLANE! AND-- (GASP)--THE STRAIN IS TOO GREAT --CAN'T STRETCH ANY MORE!
OWW... FEELS LIKE MY MUSCLES WERE CAUGHT IN A WRINGER!
YOU SHOULDN'T EVER TRY TO REACH THAT FAR, REED!
LOOK! I LEARNED SOMETHING NEW! I CAN CONCENTRATE MY FLAME SO MUCH THAT IT BURNS WITHOUT HEAT! THE LOCK IS OPEN NOW!
THANKS, JOHNNY! LET'S FORGET THE FANTASTI-CAR NOW! WE CAN MAKE BETTER TIME WITHOUT IT! THE FLARE CAME FROM NEARBY!
NOW YOU'RE TALKIN'!
FLAME ON!

THE FLARE CAME FROM AROUND THE CORNER! THE THING MUST BE VISITING HIS GIRL FRIEND, ALICIA! GANGWAY, FOLKS--I'M IN A HURRY!
LOOK OUT! IT'S THE HUMAN TORCH!
THAT YOUNG SHOW-OFF SHOULD BE TAUGHT A LESSON BEFORE HE HURTS SOMEBODY!
HEY! THERE'S MR. FANTASTIC! LET'S GET HIS AUTOGRAPH!
I WANT A PIECE OF HIS UNIFORM, FOR A MEMENTO!
ISN'T HE HANDSOME! COME HERE, YOU ADORABLE THING!
WHEW! THANK HEAVENS FOR MY STRETCHING POWERS!
WELL, WELL! IF IT AIN'T THE FAMOUS INVISIBLE GIRL! SO THIS IS WHAT YA LOOK LIKE! MMM--YOU SHOULDN'T EVER TURN INVISIBLE, DOLL!
HOW'S ABOUT A SMILE FOR ONE OF YOUR FANS??
JUST WAIT'LL I TELL 'EM DOWN AT THE POOL ROOM THAT I MET THE INVIS-- HEY! WHAT THE--??!
GET LOST, REPULSIVE!
AND NOW TO GET TO ALICIA'S APARTMENT! THAT MUST BE WHERE THE THING--
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT DRIVER?? IS HE TRYING TO HIT ME??
OH! I FORGOT! I'M INVISIBLE! HE DOESN'T SEE ME!
I'VE GOT TO TURN VISIBLE --NOW!
HOLY SMOKE! WHERE'D THAT GAL COME FROM??
WHEW! HE JUST MISSED ME!
SCREEEEEEEEEEEE!
HONEST, OFFICER--IT WASN'T MY FAULT!
I KNOW--I KNOW! I SAW HER, TOO!

MINUTES LATER...
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU ALL GOT HERE!
WHAT'S WRONG, THING? WE THOUGHT YOU WERE IN TROUBLE!
FLAME OFF!
YOU BIG BABOON! WAS IT JUST A FALSE ALARM??!
TELL THAT HOT-HEAD TO SIMMER DOWN, MISTER! SINCE WHEN DO I HAVE TO BE IN TROUBLE IN ORDER TO SEND FOR YA??
IT IS MY FAULT, MR. FANTASTIC! HE CALLED YOU BECAUSE OF ME!
WELL, NO HARM DONE, ALICIA! WHAT IS IT, THING?
I WANTED YOU TO SEE WHAT ALICIA'S BEEN WORKIN' ON! SHE'S CARVED MINIATURE STATUES OF SOME OF THE CREEPS WE'VE BATTLED IN THE PAST!
AMAZING! IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE A GIRL WHO CANNOT SEE CAN HAVE SUCH A MARVELOUS TALENT!
THEY'RE SO LIFELIKE-- IT'S ALMOST FRIGHTENING!
BUT-- WHY DID YOU HAVE TO INCLUDE PRINCE NAMOR WITH THOSE OTHER HORRIBLE MENACES? AFTER ALL, THE SUB-MARINER WASN'T AS BAD AS THEY!
I'M GLAD YOU MENTIONED THAT, SUE! I-I'VE BEEN WANTING TO TALK TO YOU--ABOUT SUB-MARINER!
I ALWAYS THOUGHT WE HAD AN UNDERSTANDING, SUE! I THOUGHT, WHEN THE TIME WAS RIGHT, THAT YOU AND I-- I MEAN--
DON'T SAY IT, REED-- PLEASE! NOT NOW! NOT YET! I'M NOT EVEN SURE OF MY OWN FEELINGS!
BOY! I'M GLAD I'M NOT OLD ENOUGH TO HAVE ALL THOSE KIND OF MUSHY PROBLEMS!

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DON'T WORRY! I'M MORE ANXIOUS TO SEE MR. FANTASTIC RIGHT NOW THAN YOU ARE!
PHONE CALL FOR YOU, REED! IT'S LEE AND KIRBY! THEY'D LIKE YOU TO GO TO THEIR STUDIO TO WORK OUT A PLOT WITH 'EM!
STRANGE... WE JUST FINISHED DICUSSING A NEW PLOT YESTERDAY!
VERY WELL... IF IT'S IMPORTANT, I'LL BE RIGHT OVER!
YOU TALKIN' TO THOSE TWO GOONS WHO WRITE ABOUT US?
WHEN YOU SEE 'EM, BUSTER, GIVE 'EM A MESSAGE FROM ME!
TELL 'EM IF THEY DON'T STOP MAKIN' ME LOOK EVEN UGLIER THAN I AM, I'M LIABLE TO GO UP THERE AND WRAP THIS TWO-TON WEIGHT AROUND THEIR SKINNY NECKS!
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SIMMER DOWN, THING! TELL ME, WHAT MAKES YOU SO BAD-TEMPERED ALL THE TIME?
YOU KIDDIN', REED? THIS IS HIS ***GOOD-NATURED*** MOOD! USUALLY HE'S EVEN ***MORE*** UNBEARABLE!
VE-RY FUNNY, TWERP! WHO WRITES YOUR GAGS, THE LOCAL UNDERTAKER?
WELL, I'LL GO AND SEE WHAT LEE AND KIRBY WANT AND THEN-- ***HEY!*** LEGGO! STOP STRETCHING MY CLOTHES, YOU TWO! C'MON-- STOP IT!
AW, DON'T BE A SOURPUSS, PARTNER! WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU REMEMBERED TO WEAR YOUR STRETCH-SUIT, IN CASE YOU NEED IT!
WHAT ARE YA COMPLAININ' ABOUT, RUBBER FACE? WE CAN'T MAKE YOUR CLOTHES LOOK ANY ***WORSE!***
MEANWHILE, ACROSS TOWN FROM THE SCENE OF FRIENDLY HORSEPLAY, WE FIND...
DOOM, YOU'RE A ***FOOL*** IF YOU THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
THEY BEAT YOU IN THE PAST, AND THEY'LL DO IT AGAIN!
SILENCE! THERE IS THE BUZZER! ANSWER IT!
WHAT'S THAT? REED RICHARDS IS OUTSIDE? YES-- I'M EXPECTING HIM! SHOW HIM IN!
AH! MY MOMENT IS AT HAND! NOW STEP ASIDE-- ***QUICKLY!***
HELLO, FELLAS! I--
UGH!
MY "SLEEPING GAS" WILL KEEP HIM HELPLESS TILL I AWAKEN HIM!
I HAVE GIVEN YOU A CARD WITH MY ADDRESS! CALL THE OTHER THREE AND TELL THEM I SHALL WAIT FOR THEM THERE!
THEY WILL GALLANTLY RUSH TO SAVE THEIR LEADER--AND THAT WILL BE THEIR UNDOING!
NOW, I SHALL LEAVE AS I ARRIVED--BY MEANS OF THE MYSTIC SCIENCE KNOWN ONLY TO DR. DOOM! FAREWELL-- FOR ***NOW!***
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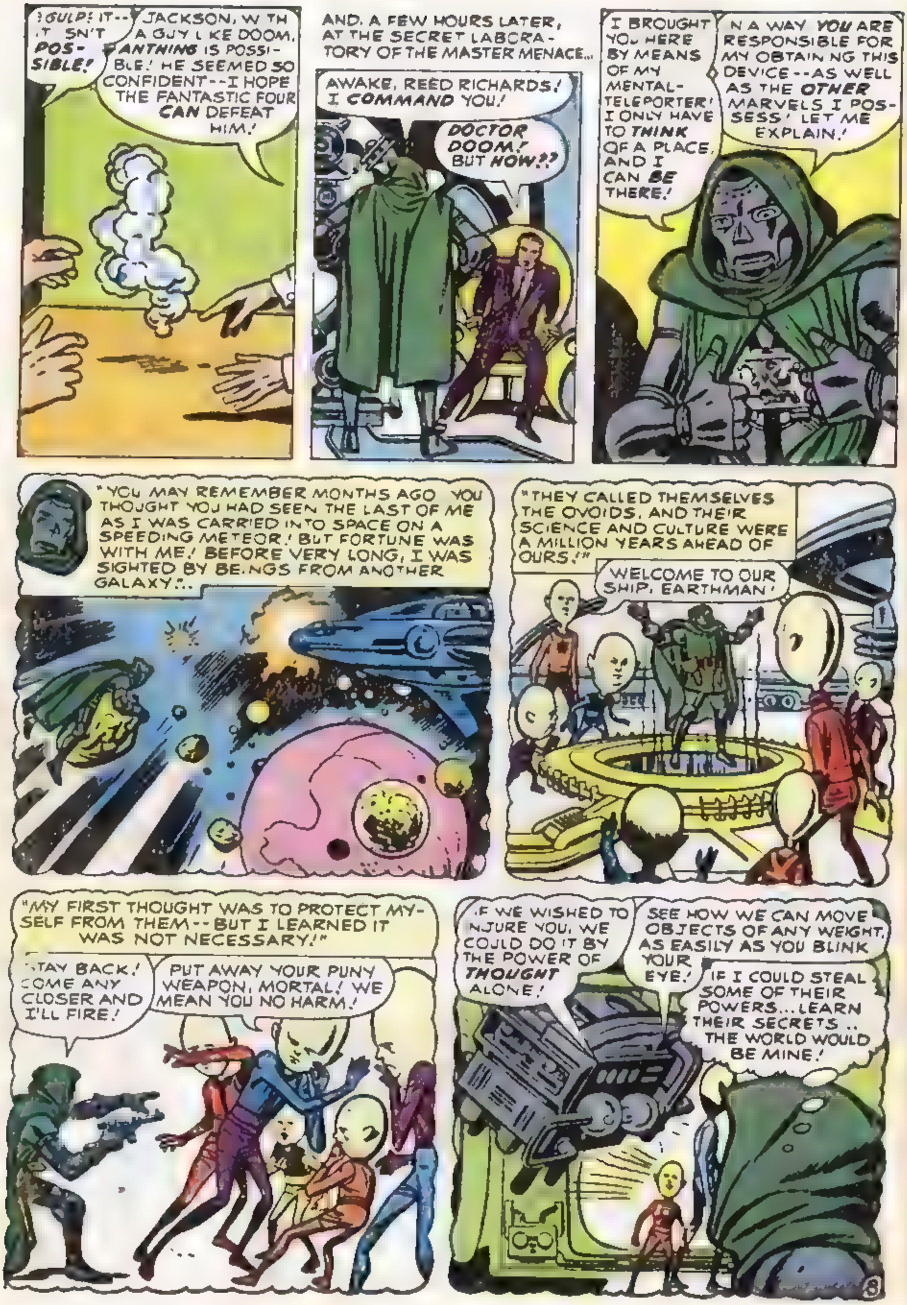
GULP! IT-- IT SN'T POS-SIBLE!
JACKSON, W TH A GUY L KE DOOM, ANYTHING IS POSSI-BLE! HE SEEMED SO CONFIDENT--I HOPE THE FANTASTIC FOUR CAN DEFEAT HIM!
AND, A FEW HOURS LATER, AT THE SECRET LABORA-TORY OF THE MASTER MENACE...
AWAKE, REED RICHARDS! I COMMAND YOU!
DOCTOR DOOM! BUT HOW??
I BROUGHT YOU HERE BY MEANS OF MY MENTAL-TELEPORTER! I ONLY HAVE TO THINK OF A PLACE, AND I CAN BE THERE!
N A WAY YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY OBTAIN NG THIS DEVICE--AS WELL AS THE OTHER MARVELS I POS-SESS! LET ME EXPLAIN!
"YOU MAY REMEMBER MONTHS AGO YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD SEEN THE LAST OF ME AS I WAS CARRIED INTO SPACE ON A SPEEDING METEOR! BUT FORTUNE WAS WITH ME! BEFORE VERY LONG, I WAS SIGHTED BY BEINGS FROM ANOTHER GALAXY!..
"THEY CALLED THEMSELVES THE OVOIDS, AND THEIR SCIENCE AND CULTURE WERE A MILLION YEARS AHEAD OF OURS!"
WELCOME TO OUR SHIP, EARTHMAN!
"MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS TO PROTECT MY-SELF FROM THEM--BUT I LEARNED IT WAS NOT NECESSARY!"
STAY BACK! COME ANY CLOSER AND I'LL FIRE!
PUT AWAY YOUR PUNY WEAPON, MORTAL! WE MEAN YOU NO HARM!
IF WE WISHED TO INJURE YOU, WE COULD DO IT BY THE POWER OF THOUGHT ALONE!
SEE HOW WE CAN MOVE OBJECTS OF ANY WEIGHT, AS EASILY AS YOU BLINK YOUR EYE!
IF I COULD STEAL SOME OF THEIR POWERS...LEARN THEIR SECRETS.. THE WORLD WOULD BE MINE!
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"BUT THEIR GREATEST SECRET OF ALL WAS THE SECRET OF SWITCHING BODIES!"
WHAT IS WRONG WITH HIM?
HE IS DYING! BUT IT IS OF NO IMPORTANCE! WE SHALL MERELY TAKE HIM TO THE EXTRA BODY CHAMBER!
...WHERE HE CHANGES TO A NEW YOUNG BODY WHICH HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY DESIGNED FOR HIM! SEE? BY THIS METHOD WE ARE PRACTICALLY IMMORTAL!
"THEY WERE SO CIVILIZED THAT THEY TRUSTED EVERY OTHER LIVING THING! IT WAS EASY FOR ME TO LEARN THEIR SECRETS, AND TO ASK THEM TO RETURN ME TO THE PLANET EARTH! THRU A BEAM OF PURE ENERGY THEY LOWERED ME TO MY HOME PLANET--TO PREPARE FOR MY SUPREME REVENGE!"
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HAD YOU FORGOTTEN WHAT I TOLD YOU ABOUT THE POWER OF SWITCHING BODIES?? DID YOU NOT SUSPECT THAT ALL THE TIME WE WERE HERE, TALKING...
I WAS MENTALLY CONTROLL'NG YOU--AFFECTING YOU--CHANGING YOU! UNTIL NOW--AT LAST, I HAVE BROKEN FREE OF MY PRISON! I HAVE CHANGED BODIES WITH YOU!
I'VE DONE IT! I'VE PUT MY BRAIN IN THE BODY OF REED RICHARDS!
I-I'VE BECOME DR. DOOM! AND YET, I STILL HAVE REED RICHARDS' BRAIN! BENEATH THIS EVIL EXTERIOR I AM STILL MR. FANTASTIC! BUT WHO WOULD BELIEVE IT?
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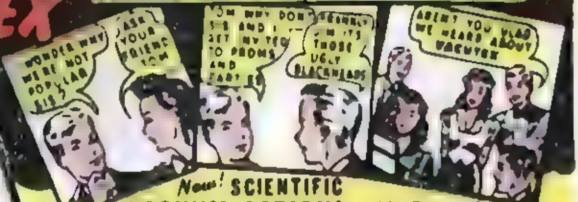

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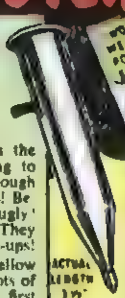
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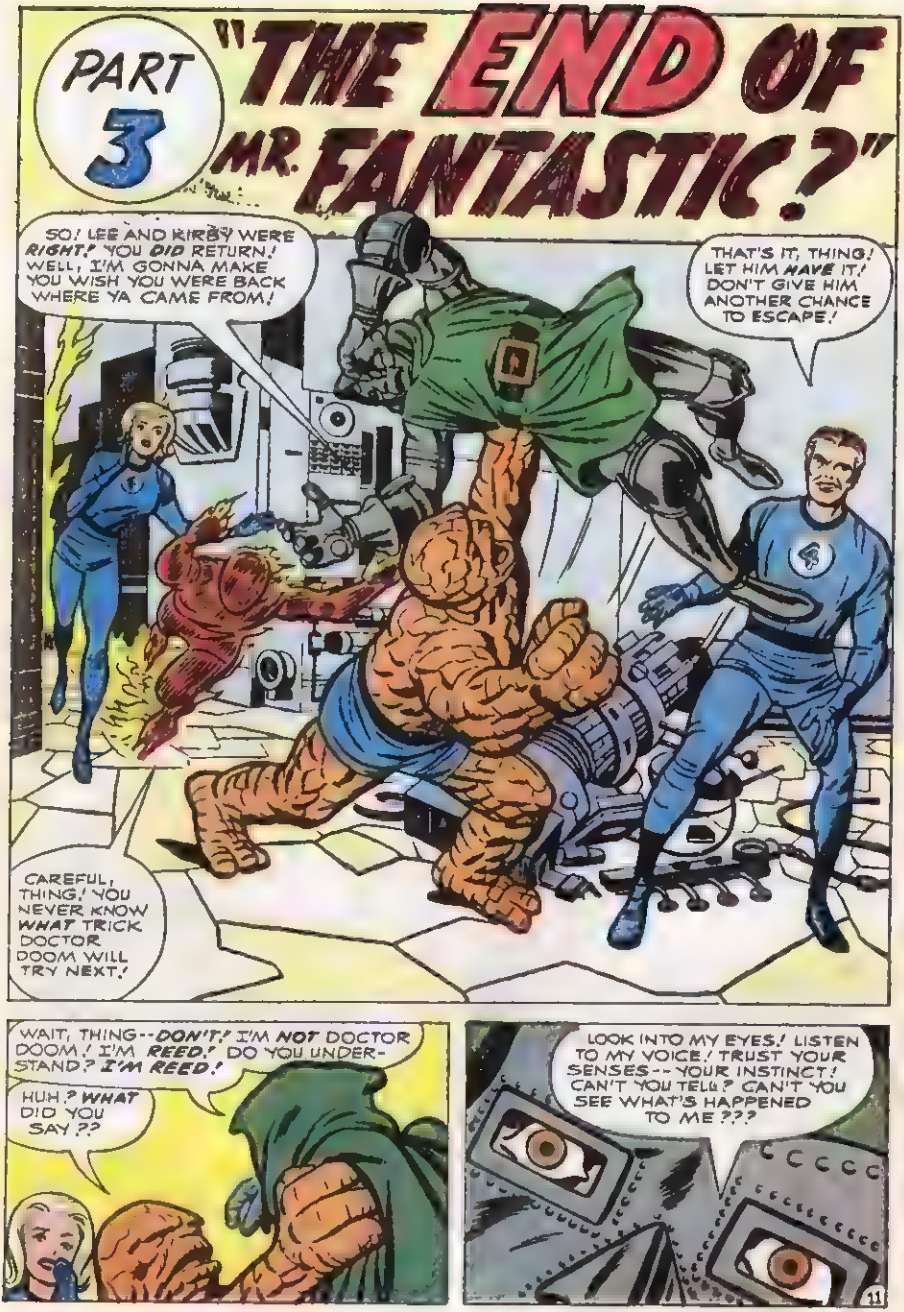

PART 3
"THE END OF MR. FANTASTIC?"
SO! LEE AND KIRBY WERE RIGHT! YOU DID RETURN! WELL, I'M GONNA MAKE YOU WISH YOU WERE BACK WHERE YA CAME FROM!
THAT'S IT, THING! LET HIM HAVE IT! DON'T GIVE HIM ANOTHER CHANCE TO ESCAPE!
CAREFUL, THING! YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT TRICK DOCTOR DOOM WILL TRY NEXT!
WAIT, THING--DON'T! I'M NOT DOCTOR DOOM! I'M REED! DO YOU UNDERSTAND? I'M REED!
HUH? WHAT DID YOU SAY??
LOOK INTO MY EYES! LISTEN TO MY VOICE! TRUST YOUR SENSES--YOUR INSTINCT! CAN'T YOU TELL? CAN'T YOU SEE WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME???
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DON'T LET HIM CONFUSE YOU, THING! YOU KNOW HOW TRICKY HE IS! DON'T LET HIM BREAK FREE!
I DON'T NEED YOU TO TELL ME THAT! I WASN'T BORN YESTERDAY!
WHY WOULD AN EVIL GENIUS LIKE DOCTOR DOOM TRY TO FOOL US WITH SUCH A RIDICULOUS STORY?
OF COURSE HE'S TRYING TO TRICK US! EVEN NOW, WHILE HE'S PLEADING FOR MERCY, HE COULD HAVE ESCAPED US BY USING THIS ATOMIC-MATTER SCRAMBLER WHICH WAS CONCEALED IN HIS ARMOR!
NO! NO! I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS THERE! DON'T BELIEVE HIM, THING-- LISTEN TO ME!
SHUT YOUR YAP, PLAY-MATE, BEFORE I SHUT IT FOR GOOD!
YOU REALIZE AT LAST YOU CANNOT CONFUSE US-- YOU CANNOT DIVIDE US! WE'VE CAUGHT YOU AGAIN, DOOM--AND THIS TIME YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE!
I'M NOT BEATEN YET! MY TURN WILL COME! AND WHEN IT DOES...
NOT A CHANCE, DOOM! 'CAUSE WE'RE GONNA FIND A WAY TO KEEP YOU FROM CAUSIN' ANY MORE TROUBLE FOREVER!
"I KNOW! I'LL BURN OUT A LITTLE ISLE, SURROUNDED BY MOLTEN LAVA! IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO CROSS THE FLAMING MOAT!"
"OR, ELSE, I'LL CREATE A BLAZING CELL WITH DOOM IN THE CENTER! ONCE A WEEK I'LL RETURN TO RENEW THE FLAME!"
"SIMMER DOWN, HOT-HEAD! I'M SICK OF YOU ALWAYS TRYIN' TO HOG THE SPOTLIGHT! THE ONLY WAY TO REALLY SETTLE THAT CORNY PUNK IS TO TOSS HIM INTO A CREVICE IN THE DESERT, AND THEN SHOVE A BOULDER OVER IT--A BOULDER THAT NOBODY CAN BUDGE EXCEPT YOURS TRULY!"
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PART 4
"NO PLACE TO TURN!"
A SHORT TIME LATER, AT THE FANTASTIC FOUR'S HEADQUATERS...
SAY, WHAT'S GOIN' ON, SUE? WHERE'D YOU GET THE TOY ANIMALS?
THEY'RE NOT TOYS, JOHNNY! INCREDIBLE AS IT SEEMS, THEY'RE ALIVE! THEY RAN OUT WHEN WE OPENED REED'S LAB DOOR!
I DON'T GET IT! WHAT NEW EXPERIMENT IS HE WORKIN' ON NOW? AND HOW DOES IT TIE UP TO THIS NEWSPAPER HEADLINE??
DAILY BULLETIN
ZOO NIMALS ISSING
WELL, WE'D BETTER ROUND 'EM UP AND RETURN 'EM TO THE LAB BEFORE REED GETS BACK!
YES! YOU KNOW HOW ANGRY HE GETS IF ANYONE INTERFERES WITH HIS WORK!
BIG DEAL! SO WHAT'LL HE DO TO ME--SLAP MY WRIST??! COME HERE, YA PESTY CRITTER!
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WELL, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
IT'S OKAY, REED! THESE LITTLE ANIMALS GOT LOOSE, AND WE'RE TRYIN' TO PUT 'EM BACK!
LOOKS TO ME LIKE YOU'RE THE ONE WITH THE EXPLAININ' TO DO, BUDDY!
HMMM, I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT! YOU WANT TO KNOW WHERE THESE TINY CREATURES CAME FROM, EH?
BLAMED RIGHT WE DO! AND IF YOU'RE THE JOKER WHO STOLE 'EM FROM THE ZOO, THEN THAT MAKES OL' HOLIER-THAN-THOU REED AS MUCH A LAW-BREAKER AS ANYONE ELSE!
DAILY
ZOO ANIMAL MISSING
WAIT! DON'T CONDEMN ME UNTIL YOU'VE HEARD MY MOTIVES! I DID IT ONLY FOR YOU! LOOK, DO YOU SEE THIS LITTLE DEVICE? IT IS MY NEW REDUCING RAY!
REDUCING RAY?? BUT--WHY?
ALL RIGHT, SISTER! YOU'RE ASKING FOR IT! I'LL COME UP WITH A STORY THAT WILL HAVE THE THREE OF YOU BEGGING ME--TO SEAL YOUR OWN DOOM!
I DEVELOPED THAT RAY TO HELP ME INCREASE YOUR OWN POWERS! IT MAY BE HARD FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND, SO...
LET ME GIVE YOU A LITTLE EXAMPLE...
"AS YOU KNOW, AGES AGO THE DINOSAURS WERE THE LORDS OF EARTH! BUT, UNFORTUNATELY FOR THEM, THEIR BODIES GREW TOO LARGE WHILE THEIR BRAINS REMAINED THE SAME--UNTIL THEY SIMPLY GREW THEMSELVES OUT OF EXISTENCE!"
"BUT, WHAT IF THEY HAVE BEEN SMALLER? IF THEIR BODIES HAD BEEN A FRACTION OF THEIR NATURAL SIZE, THEN THEIR BRAINS WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH LARGER BY COMPARISON! TODAY, THE DINOSAURS MIGHT STILL BE THE RULERS OF EARTH!"
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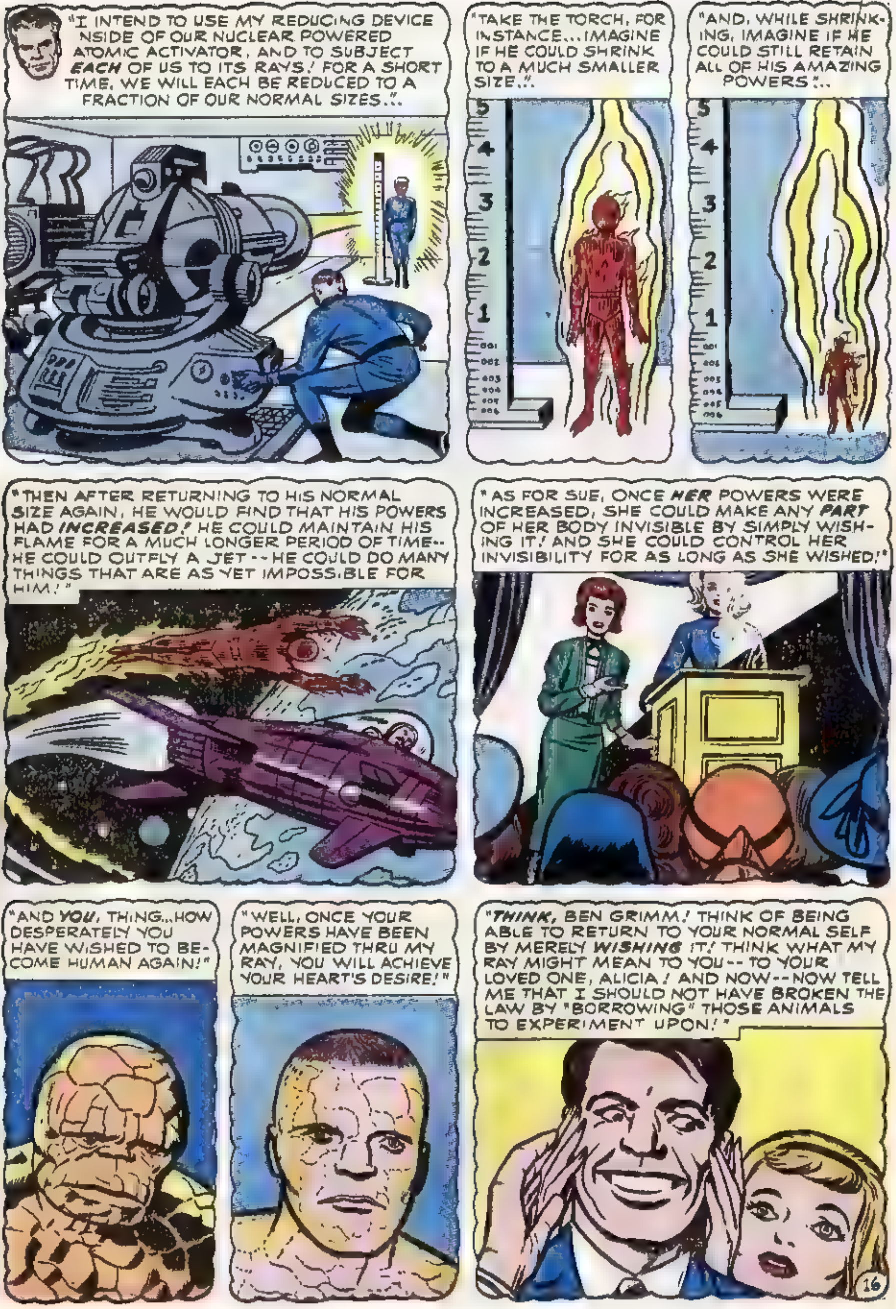
"I INTEND TO USE MY REDUCING DEVICE INSIDE OF OUR NUCLEAR POWERED ATOMIC ACTIVATOR, AND TO SUBJECT EACH OF US TO ITS RAYS! FOR A SHORT TIME, WE WILL EACH BE REDUCED TO A FRACTION OF OUR NORMAL SIZES..".
"TAKE THE TORCH, FOR INSTANCE... IMAGINE IF HE COULD SHRINK TO A MUCH SMALLER SIZE..".
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"AND, WHILE SHRINKING, IMAGINE IF HE COULD STILL RETAIN ALL OF HIS AMAZING POWERS:..
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"THEN AFTER RETURNING TO HIS NORMAL SIZE AGAIN, HE WOULD FIND THAT HIS POWERS HAD INCREASED! HE COULD MAINTAIN HIS FLAME FOR A MUCH LONGER PERIOD OF TIME-- HE COULD OUTFLY A JET -- HE COULD DO MANY THINGS THAT ARE AS YET IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM!"
"AS FOR SUE, ONCE HER POWERS WERE INCREASED, SHE COULD MAKE ANY PART OF HER BODY INVISIBLE BY SIMPLY WISHING IT! AND SHE COULD CONTROL HER INVISIBILITY FOR AS LONG AS SHE WISHED!"
"AND YOU, THING... HOW DESPERATELY YOU HAVE WISHED TO BECOME HUMAN AGAIN!"
"WELL, ONCE YOUR POWERS HAVE BEEN MAGNIFIED THRU MY RAY, YOU WILL ACHIEVE YOUR HEART'S DESIRE!"
"THINK, BEN GRIMM! THINK OF BEING ABLE TO RETURN TO YOUR NORMAL SELF BY MERELY WISHING IT! THINK WHAT MY RAY MIGHT MEAN TO YOU -- TO YOUR LOVED ONE, ALICIA! AND NOW -- NOW TELL ME THAT I SHOULD NOT HAVE BROKEN THE LAW BY "BORROWING" THOSE ANIMALS TO EXPERIMENT UPON!"
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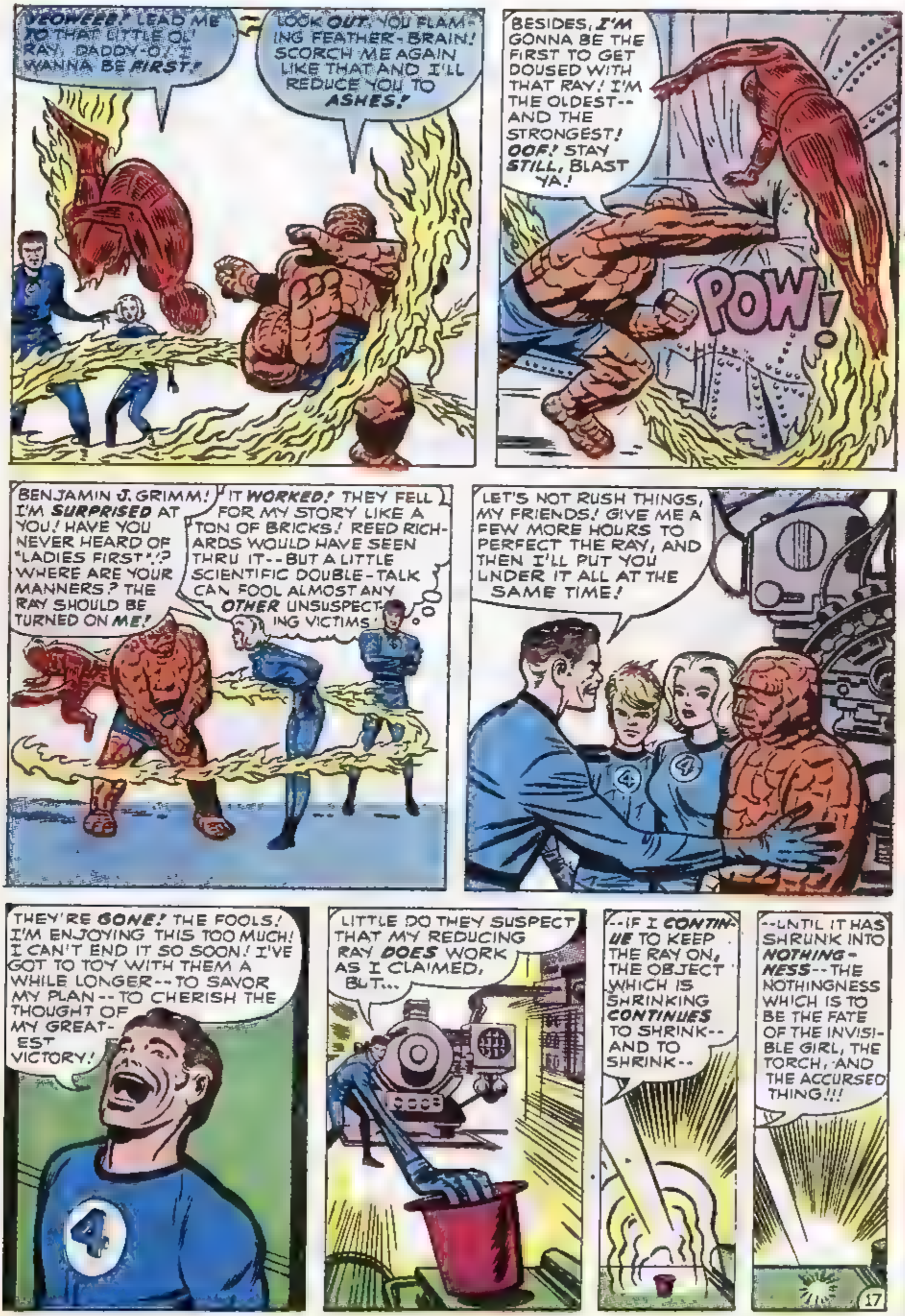

YEOWEEE! LEAD ME TO THAT LITTLE OL' RAY, DADDY-O! I WANNA BE FIRST!
LOOK OUT, YOU FLAMING FEATHER-BRAIN! SCORCH ME AGAIN LIKE THAT AND I'LL REDUCE YOU TO ASHES!
BESIDES, I'M GONNA BE THE FIRST TO GET DOUSED WITH THAT RAY! I'M THE OLDEST-- AND THE STRONGEST! OOF! STAY STILL, BLAST YA!
POW!
BENJAMIN J. GRIMM! I'M SURPRISED AT YOU! HAVE YOU NEVER HEARD OF "LADIES FIRST"!? WHERE ARE YOUR MANNERS? THE RAY SHOULD BE TURNED ON ME!
IT WORKED! THEY FELL FOR MY STORY LIKE A TON OF BRICKS! REED RICHARDS WOULD HAVE SEEN THRU IT--BUT A LITTLE SCIENTIFIC DOUBLE-TALK CAN FOOL ALMOST ANY OTHER UNSUSPECTING VICTIMS!
LET'S NOT RUSH THINGS, MY FRIENDS! GIVE ME A FEW MORE HOURS TO PERFECT THE RAY, AND THEN I'LL PUT YOU UNDER IT ALL AT THE SAME TIME!
THEY'RE GONE! THE FOOLS! I'M ENJOYING THIS TOO MUCH! I CAN'T END IT SO SOON! I'VE GOT TO TOY WITH THEM A WHILE LONGER--TO SAVOR MY PLAN--TO CHERISH THE THOUGHT OF MY GREATEST VICTORY!
LITTLE DO THEY SUSPECT THAT MY REDUCING RAY DOES WORK AS I CLAIMED, BUT...
--IF I CONTINUE TO KEEP THE RAY ON, THE OBJECT WHICH IS SHRINKING CONTINUES TO SHRINK--AND TO SHRINK--
--UNTIL IT HAS SHRUNK INTO NOTHINGNESS--THE NOTHINGNESS WHICH IS TO BE THE FATE OF THE INVISIBLE GIRL, THE TORCH, AND THE ACCURSED THING!!!

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FANTASTIC 4 FAN PAGE

Hi, fans and friends! Look—enough of that "Dear Editor" jazz from now on! Jack Kirby and Stan Lee (that's us!) read every letter personally, and we like to feel that we know you and that you know us! So we changed the salutations in the following letters to show you how much friendlier they sound our way! Also we have a lot of announcements to make this month—but we'll hold them off till after the next letter. . . .

DEAR STAN AND JACK:

In ish #7, on page 11 you have the Fantasti-car flying upside-down when chased by a flying saucer! Since the Fantasti-car is propelled by powerful fans on the bottom, it seems impossible for it to fly in this manner! Anyway, keep up the great work!

David Santiago
San Jose, Calif.

Dave has a good point BUT the Fantasti-car's great speed gives it enough momentum to maintain its trajectory while turning over, until it can regain its normal flying position with its air jets on the bottom.

ANNOUNCEMENT #1: In answer to literally HUNDREDS of requests, we will have a TWO-PAGE fan mail section starting with our next issue!

DEAR STAN:

I'm sure that by now every reader and his mother-in-law has written in to tell you that you are a complete nut! Why? Mainly because in STRANGE TALES #101 you had the audacity to say that no one knows that Johnny is the Torch! Every bona fide FF reader knows that is no secret! Well, don't despair! I have risen from my stack of comics to defend you! As you no doubt know, you were the first to do away with those foolish comic idiosyncrasies known as "secret identities." Of course, everyone loved this and FF became a smash hit. Then, you decide to put your best character, the Human Torch, in STRANGE TALES. Something in the process got mixed up and you said he had a—should I say it?—secret identity! Well, that lone story showed how foolish that business is, like the time Johnny had to make a false Torch! NOW the reader really appreciates that the FF are "secret identityless!" One other point, please print some longer letters. Short letters don't allow the full expression of the reader, and are not as enjoyable.

Steve Stern
Oceanside, N. Y.

Many readers have written to call our attention to the Torch's secret identity fluff also, Steve! We did our best to straighten the whole thing out satisfactorily (we hope) in STRANGE TALES #106, which will go on sale Dec. 10th. See if you approve of the way we tried to wiggle out of our king-sized error.

DEAR EDITORS OF THE GREATEST COMIC MAG:

(NOTE: That's ONE salutation we won't change—Stan and Jack) Your comics are the best I've ever read. At one time I had all seven FF's, but when I returned from summer camp I discovered that someone had swiped issues #1 and #2. So, if any fan is willing to sell either one or both for 35¢ apiece, I will gladly buy them. Please print my complete address.

Rob Sansing
3507 Firestone Blvd.
Pensacola, Florida

And that brings us to ANNOUNCEMENT #2: We have been beseiged with requests for back issues of FF. Unfortunately, our supply of copies from #1 to #9 is completely exhausted. If anyone has a large supply to sell, we would be glad to print his name and address in this column for the benefit of our readers. But, in the meantime, to avoid disappointment, we suggest you reserve your issues in advance at your local magazine stand.

DEAR STAN AND JACK:

How long has it been since you were told FF is the world's greatest comic? Pretty often, huh? Well, it is and it has been for the past seven issues, and here's why: ISSUE #1: You introduced a completely original team of super-heroes. ISSUE #2: You developed their personalities realistically. ISSUE #3: You gave them a fabulous headquarters, costumes, and assorted gimmicks. ISSUE #4: You gave us Sub-Mariner, the greatest off-beat villain ever. ISSUE #5: You topped Sub Mariner with Doctor Doom! ISSUE #6: You united those two villains and best of all, you became a monthly mag. ISSUE #7: For the first time in my memory, you had a team of heroes hated by the human race! But now, my question is: Can you produce another seven or more, just as original, just as well-written and well-drawn? Or will you fade into oblivion? Here's hoping you and the Hulk, Thor, Antman, and Spiderman stick around for a long time.

Lee Cohen
Skokie, Ill.

Thanks Lee—and now, the remainder of our announcements: Spiderman, who last appeared in AMAZING FANTASY #15, has made no new appearances for a few months, because we waited to see what the fans thought of him. Well, your reaction has been terrific, and so we are launching a new series of Spiderman tales which will go on sale the beginning of December. More details next ish.

Here are the results of some polls taken from your letters: Some issues back a reader suggested eliminating the Invisible Girl from FF. You fans were definite in your reaction. Eight letters favored dropping Sue Storm, BUT 639 demanded that she remain one of the team! The vote with regard to adding new members to the FF is still a close one. So far, 422 readers have asked for new members, while 486 favor keeping the original four with no new additions—except for guest star appearances.

DEAR STAN AND JACK:

I have a comic fan club organized and we publish a fanzine each month in which we discuss new comics that come out, and old ones, etc. Would you ask any interested readers to contact me?

G. B. Love
9875 S.W. 212th Street
Miami 57, Florida

And that brings us to our FINAL announcement—we cannot stem the tide of demands to have the FF meet THE HULK! And so, in a future issue of FF we think you will find one of the most unusual and thought-provoking tales of all, as the FF and THE HULK come face to face! Watch for it! See you next month!—Stan & Jack.

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PART 5
"THE REAL DOCTOR DOOM!"
THERE! LUCKY I STRUCK A VULNERABLE SPOT! OH, ALICIA--IF I HADN'T BEEN HERE TO TELL YOU THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT REED'S RAY, I SHUDDER TO THINK WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED! I-I'D BETTER CALL THE OTHERS RIGHT AWAY!
WHAT HAPPENED, SUE? I HEARD THE SOUND OF A MUFFLED BLOW--WAS IT--COULD IT HAVE BEEN THE AWESOME DOCTOR DOOM??
HELLO, OPERATOR--GET ME THE FANTASTIC FOUR'S HEADQUARTERS--HURRY!
STRANGE! BENEATH THIS COLD STEEL I CAN FEEL A WARMTH OF SPIRIT--OF KINDNESS..
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! HOW CAN THAT BE DR. DOOM? THERE'S AN AURA OF GOODNESS ABOUT HIM..OF NOBILITY!
ALICIA! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING! YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE MOST SINISTER, THE MOST RUTHLESS MENACE ON EARTH! HE IS THE MOST DANGEROUS HUMAN OF ALL TIME!
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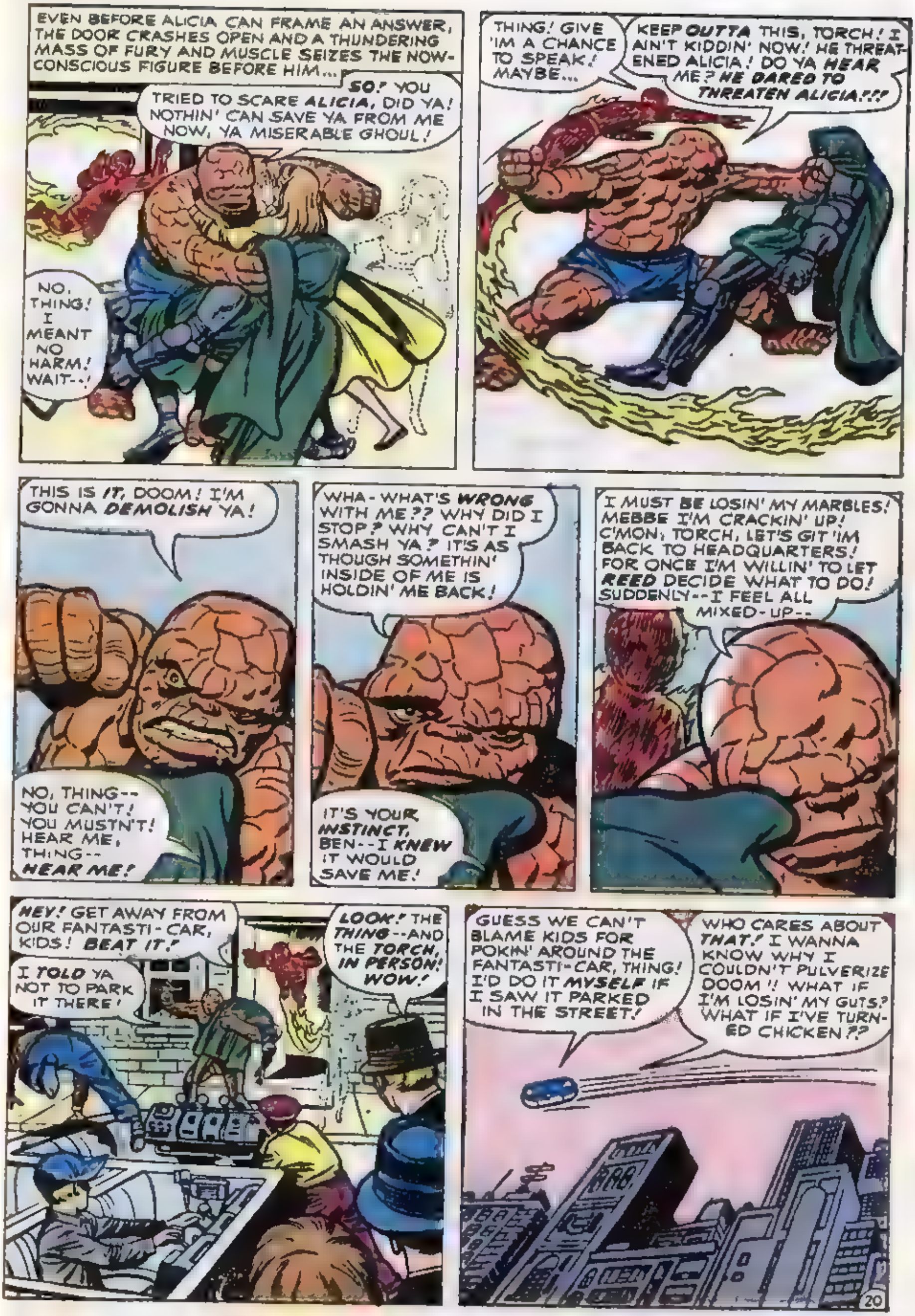
EVEN BEFORE ALICIA CAN FRAME AN ANSWER, THE DOOR CRASHES OPEN AND A THUNDERING MASS OF FURY AND MUSCLE SEIZES THE NOW-CONSCIOUS FIGURE BEFORE HIM...
SO! YOU TRIED TO SCARE ALICIA, DID YA! NOTHIN' CAN SAVE YA FROM ME NOW, YA MISERABLE GHOUL!
NO, THING! I MEANT NO HARM! WAIT--!
THING! GIVE 'IM A CHANCE TO SPEAK! MAYBE...
KEEP OUTTA THIS, TORCH! I AIN'T KIDDIN' NOW! HE THREATENED ALICIA! DO YA HEAR ME? HE DARED TO THREATEN ALICIA!!!
THIS IS IT, DOOM! I'M GONNA DEMOLISH YA!
NO, THING-- YOU CAN'T! YOU MUSTN'T! HEAR ME, THING-- HEAR ME!
WHA-WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?? WHY DID I STOP? WHY CAN'T I SMASH YA? IT'S AS THOUGH SOMETHIN' INSIDE OF ME IS HOLDIN' ME BACK!
IT'S YOUR INSTINCT, BEN--I KNEW IT WOULD SAVE ME!
I MUST BE LOSIN' MY MARBLES! MEBBE I'M CRACKIN' UP! C'MON, TORCH, LET'S GIT 'IM BACK TO HEADQUARTERS! FOR ONCE I'M WILLIN' TO LET REED DECIDE WHAT TO DO! SUDDENLY--I FEEL ALL MIXED-UP--
HEY! GET AWAY FROM OUR FANTASTI-CAR, KIDS! BEAT IT!
I TOLD YA NOT TO PARK IT THERE!
LOOK! THE THING--AND THE TORCH, IN PERSON! WOW!
GUESS WE CAN'T BLAME KIDS FOR POKIN' AROUND THE FANTASTI-CAR, THING! I'D DO IT MYSELF IF I SAW IT PARKED IN THE STREET!
WHO CARES ABOUT THAT! I WANNA KNOW WHY I COULDN'T PULVERIZE DOOM!! WHAT IF I'M LOSIN' MY GUTS? WHAT IF I'VE TURNED CHICKEN??
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AND SO...
BLAST THE LUCK! HOW DID RICHARDS ESCAPE?? I'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST NOW!
REED, WE BROUGHT DOCTOR DOOM HERE, SO YOU COULD TELL US WHAT TO DO WITH HIM!
NO--NO! DON'T ASK HIM! NOT HIM! HOW CAN I CONVINCE YOU?? THERE MUST BE SOME WAY!
THERE! I PUT ELECTRONIC COIL ROPES ON HIS WRISTS! THEY'LL KEEP HIM HARMLESS FOR AWHILE! NOW LET'S GET TO THE RAY! ONCE I'VE INCREASED YOUR POWERS, YOU'LL BE BETTER ABLE TO DEAL WITH DR. DOOM!
CAN'T WASTE A SECOND! I'VE GOT TO DISPOSE OF THESE THREE WHILE RICHARDS IS HELPLESS!
THAT'S IT, SUE! NOW YOU STAND NEXT TO HER, TORCH--AND YOU TOO, THING! THIS IS A GREAT MOMENT FOR US!
THEY'LL NEVER KNOW HOW GREAT! IN A FEW SECONDS I'LL BE RID OF THEM FOREVER! AND THEN I CAN FINISH MR. FANTASTIC OFF AT MY LEISURE!
BUT, AT THAT INSTANT, A DESPERATE FIGURE HURLS HIMSELF INTO THE ROOM...
DON'T DO IT! DON'T LET HIM TRAIN THAT RAY ON YOU! BELIEVE WHAT YOU WANT ABOUT ME, BUT DON'T TRUST HIM! HE'LL DESTROY YOU!
STAY BACK, YOU MEDDLING FOOL! BACK, I SAY!
NOW I KNOW WHAT'S BEEN BUGGIN' ME! IT SOUNDS CRAZY BUT REED SOMEHOW DON'T SOUND LIKE REED!
I'VE BEEN THINKING THE SAME THING! LET ME HANDLE THIS, THING! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
"THERE ARE SOME CONSTRUCTION MEN EXCAVATING A BUILDING FOUNDATION ON THE STREET BELOW! BY CONTROLLING MY HEAT, I CAN WARM UP THE PARTICLES IN THE AIR HERE ENOUGH TO CAUSE A HEAT MIRAGE"...
...MAKING THE DYNAMITE'S REFLECTION SEEM TO BE RIGHT IN THIS ROOM! STAND BACK, THING--AND WATCH!
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DYNAMITE! ABOUT TO GO OFF!
GOT TO PULL THE FUSE BEFORE SUE AND THE OTHERS ARE INJURED!
DYNAMITE! I'LL SAVE MYSELF BY SLITHERING UP THIS VENT!
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOIN'?!
COME BACK HERE, BUSTER! YOU GOT A HEAP OF EXPLAININ' TO DO!
NO! LET GO, YOU FOOL! ARE YOU MAD?!
BROTHER, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MAD! CRAZY AS IT IS, I BELIEVE THAT YOU AND REED SWITCHED BODIES..
YEAH! MY TRICK WORKED! I KNEW THAT THE REAL DOCTOR DOOM WOULD TRY TO SAVE HIS OWN WORTHLESS HIDE, WHILE THE REAL MR. FANTASTIC WOULD TRY TO SAVE THE REST OF US!
YOU-YOU KNOW??!!
AND, AT THAT SPLIT-SECOND, UNDER THE STAGGERING SHOCK OF LEARNING THAT HIS INCREDIBLE SCHEME HAS BEEN EXPOSED, DR. DOOM UNTHINKINGLY RELAXES HIS MENTAL CONTROL OVER THE TWO BODIES, AND IN FRONT OF EVERYONE'S STARTLED EYES, THE AWESOME CHANGE TAKES PLACE ONCE MORE!
WHAT HAVE I DONE?! I-I'M MYSELF AGAIN! I'VE FAILED! I'VE BEEN DEFEATED--BY THE ACCURSED FANTASTIC FOUR!
STOP! STAY BACK! ALL OF YOU! I'M STILL DR. DOOM! YOU'LL NEVER BRING ME TO JUSTICE, DO YOU HEAR! I'LL FIND A WAY TO BEAT YOU YET!
BACK, I SAY! NONE MAY LAY A HAND ON DR. DOOM! I STILL HAVE ONE MORE ACE I CAN PLAY!

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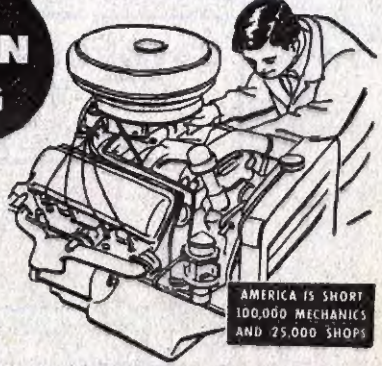

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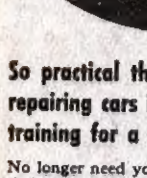

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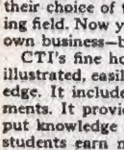

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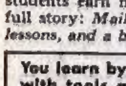

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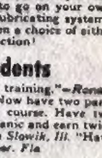

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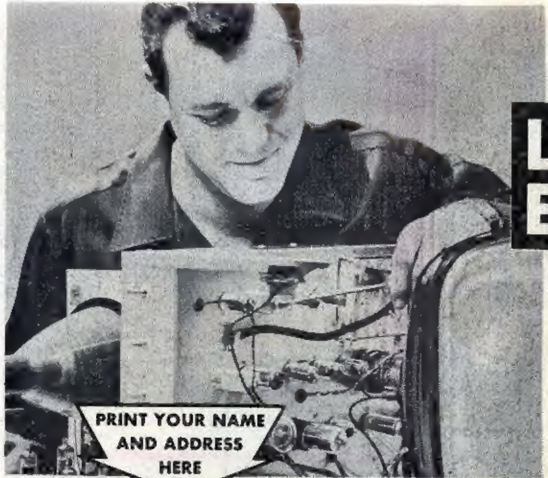

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